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I.

The Facts.

Statement of facts as presented in the Brief for the
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this appeal, are without support in the evidence
ontrary to the uncontroverted established facts

and a sham transfer, is utterly without support contrary to all of the evidence in this case. The controverted facts show: (1) gifts of cash funds to the taxpayer and wife (the taxpayers) to a national bank as trustee; (2) the actual ownership by the bank as trustee of the cash funds thus received for the future benefit of the taxpayer's children (no payments to be made until termination of the trusts which expire when the children attain their respective ages of majority); (3) the organization of a limited partnership to carry on a furniture manufacturing business; (4) the bank as trustee a limited partner pursuant to clear and unequivocal partnership agreements, pursuant to which the bank acquired an ownership interest to the extent of one-third ownership for each of the two trusts; (5) the taxpayers did not in any manner own or benefit by the partnership or partnership owned by the bank; (6) the contributions of cash to the partnership by the bank was in proportion to the total capital of the partnership and the taxpayers retained the rights of the parties to participate in profits; (7) the taxpayers (Mr. Toor) became the general partner and received reasonable compensation for all services rendered to the partnership; (8) the bank as trustee of the capital contributed by it to the partnership, and the bank frequently owned the partnership interest from which the profits accrued; (9) although the taxpayers originally owned the furniture manufacturing business, the same was

in accordance with the partnership agreements, of the parties complied with the terms of the partnership agreement: (11) Mr. Toor exercised the duties of a general partner and these were each and every day used for partnership purposes only; (12) the trusts were consulted and advised with Mr. Toor; (13) the profits were allocated in accordance with ownership of the respective partnership interests, all assets of the partnership were used only for partnership purposes; (14) the profits accrued to the trusts and there was no manner by which the taxpayer could deprive the trustee of the same; (15) the partnership was organized in 1942, when the value of the wood furniture manufacturing business in California was highly speculative; however, this business, due to subsequent general wartime conditions, experienced a windfall of large profits; (16) in the first few years of the partnership only approximately 40% of the profits were distributed and the remainder was retained to meet the needs of rapidly expanding operations; (17) by reason of their ownership of the partnership interest the trusts actually received their share of the profits; the Government assessed the tax on the partnership income which taxpayers did not own, did not receive and could not receive or benefit from.

With the exception of matters pertaining to the irrevocable nature of the trusts (to which reference will

The Ownership of the Assets Which Yielded Income Was a True Ownership.

The capital contributed to the partnership was the trustee, the partnership interest acquired by the trustee was likewise owned by the trustee, and the partnership agreement was clear and unequivocal. In light of these facts the Trial Court concluded that "the partnership did not form and carry on as a partnership within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code during the taxable years involved in this case, the furniture manufacturing business known as The Furniture Guild of California." In effect the Trial Court said that there was no partnership "for income tax purposes."

As stated in the concurring opinion in *Barrett v. Commissioner* (1st Circuit, 1950), 185 F. 2d 150, 151:

"In cases of this sort, involving taxation of family partnerships, a great deal of confusion has been engendered by the fact that a partnership (which obtained some currency) that an agreement which for general purposes would be deemed a partnership under the usual common law test does not necessarily be recognized as a partnership for income tax purposes.' Thus was introduced a new concept; and the need arose to give some definite definition of the special elements constituting a partnership for income tax purposes,' where the reported partnership is between members of a single family group. So far as I can see, the concept was utterly devoid of statutory basis, as is

d. 1659, the effect of that case is to sweep this
er notion into the discard. This is more sharply
ed up, perhaps, in the concurring opinion by Mr.
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ble from a reading of the majority opinion as a
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t of the income of the business, but an actual
roperty and the passing of title thereto, which
- produced the income in question. The one-
nership of the partnership belonged to each of
s and the only way the taxpayers could get it
s to buy it back the same as if owned by a

The bank, acting as a trustee, was a stranger,
ent and free acting, and not in any respect sub-
e control of the taxpayer. Under the state of
nce in this case the Trial Court could not conclude
dealings between the taxpayer and the bank, and
ngs between the bank and the partnership, were
ubterfuge, or concealment for the purpose of de-
[R. 137-160, 338-396, 439-443, 169-172.]

upport the assertion that the ownership of the
terests in the partnership was a mere sham or a
llocation of income, would require a determina-
the taxpayer and the bank stood ready to violate
ership agreement and their fiduciary obligations
ne. At the time of trial the Trial Court recog-
t the evidence was all directly to the contrary.

ership should be disregarded for tax purposes because Mr. Toor, as the general partner in this limited partnership, had the management and control of the entire partnership. (Resp. Br. p. 12.) This is a reiteration of the principle set forth in Finding 24, wherein the Trial Court ruled that because of Mr. Toor's control and "retention of so many attributes of ownership of the trust and its business" he must be charged with the fruit of the capital he did not own. These "attributes of ownership" in this case consist of nothing more than this non-exclusive control Mr. Toor had as a general partner for the partnership purposes of a limited partnership.

The Trial Court disregards the question of the amount of income produced by capital of the partnership when in fact such capital was a major income producing factor, and the Trial Court further disregards the fact that Mr. Toor received a separate and reasonable compensation for all of his services and abilities, which was charged as an expense of operation and deducted from the computation of profits of the partnership. If the taxpayer having been fully compensated for every service he as an individual contributed to the partnership, the principal issue in this case is concerned with the remaining income produced by the capital of the partnership, which should be taxed to the owners of the partnership, in accordance with the decision in *Luca*, 281 U. S. 111, 50 S. Ct. 241. In spite of the fact that one-sixth of this partnership and its capital was actually owned by each of the two trusts, the Court has determined that for tax purposes Mr. Toor should be regarded

er words, the Government is frankly contending
p. Br. p. 24, p. 19, footnote 6), and the Trial
as in effect ruled, that the normal management
rol of a general partner in a limited partnership
cient attribute of ownership to convert an other-
d partnership into an invalid one for tax purposes
e limited partners are members of the family and
e donated capital.

ention is contrary to the principles enunciated
Tower and *Culbertson* cases. (See particularly
ence in the *Culbertson* case at 337 U. S. 744, 69
15.) In the words of the *Culbertson* case, such a
icates at best an error in emphasis . . . and
ecisive what was described as 'circumstances [to
] into consideration" in making the determination
ether the partnership is real. See also, *Miller v.*
Commissioner (6th Cir. 1950), 183 F. 2d 246, 254; *Cobb*
Commissioner (6th Cir. 1950), 185 F. 2d 255, 258.
cases applying the principles of the *Culbertson*
e ruled against this contention of the Government
Enger v. Commissioner (7th Cir. 1949), 177 F. 2d
Hub v. Smith (3rd Cir. 1950), 183 F. 2d 938.

ue that the concurring opinion in the *Tower* case
the position presently urged by the Government,
a family limited partnership, formed with capi-
ted by the general partner, is not to be recog-
tax purposes. However, as specifically pointed
r. Justice Frankfurter in his concurring opinion
Culbertson case (337 U. S. 750, 69 S. Ct. 1218),
Tower opinion did not say what the Government

It is true that Mr. Toor in the exercise of his power as the general partner in a limited partnership has control of the partnership business for partnership purposes. Inherent in the nature of a limited partnership is the fact that the limited partners are inactive and the general partner is the active controlling participant in the conduct of the partnership affairs. As stated in the concurring opinion in *Barrett v. Commissioner*, 307 U. S. 154:

“Not infrequently one or more *bona fide* partners may be inactive or dormant, this factor being compensated by the payment of salaries to the inactive partners. So here, the partnership agreement provided that the partners ‘shall be paid such salaries as may be agreed upon, to be charged as an expense of the business.’ Such an arrangement, so far as we can see, involves no problem of *Lucas v. Earl*, 307 U. S. 111, 74 L. Ed. 731. If the partnership agreement provides that the dormant partner is to receive one quarter of the net profits, such share of the net income, whether distributed or not, is taxable to the dormant partner under I. R. C. sec. 182. The share is taxable to the active partners on the theory that they ‘earned’ it.”

In any event, the Trial Court ignored the distinction between the control of an owner of a business and the control only to himself, and the control of a general partner in a business owned only in part by himself. The control of a partner is limited by his fiduciary obligations, and is otherwise limited by the provisions of his contract and the regulations prescribed by law.

no "business purpose" in the formation of the partnership. In this respect the Government contends the term "business purpose" as used in the *Culbertson* does not exist unless there is a benefit to the business. Br. pp. 20-22). The Government's contention in this respect is directly contrary to the substance of the *Culbertson* opinion and would make one factor, to wit, the existence of a benefit to the business, conclusive. The Government has not adopted the requirement that there be a benefit to the business in order for the partnership to be valid. See *Miller v. Commissioner*, (6th Cir. 1950) 182 F. 2d 246, 254, which holds directly contrary to the Government's contention. The *Culbertson* case states (303 U.S. 744, 69 S. Ct. 1215):

Upon a consideration of all of the facts, it is concluded that the partners joined together in good faith to conduct a business, having agreed that the services and capital to be contributed presently by each is of substantial value to the partnership that the contributor should participate in the distribution of profits, that the partnership is "efficient." (Emphasis added.)

It is submitted that what is meant by the phrase "business purpose" in the *Culbertson* opinion is simply a true partnership formed for the purpose of carrying on the business rather than a *mariage de convenance*. See *Barrett v. Commissioner*, *supra*, at page 151. Cf. *Slifka v. Commissioner* (2d Cir. 1950), 182 F. 2d 345, 346.

The present case is entirely distinguishable and unlike the case of *Giffen v. Commissioner*, 190 F. 2d 188, de-

upon which to rest a valid partnership with the
In the instant cause the gifts in trust and the pa
arrangement were a part of a plan resulting fro
tic difficulties between Mr. and Mrs. Toor. It
time after the taxpayers determined a course o
with respect to their assets and provision for t
dren that the tax consequences were examined.
99, 103-105, 296-298, 309-310, 318-322, 327-3

As stated in *Barrett v. Commissioner, supra*, at p

“There is nothing in the law of federal in
ation forbidding members of an intimat
group who wish to go into business together
a partnership because that form of busines
zation is advantageous to them from the tax
view.”

The Government is clearly in error in asserting
Toor had complete and exclusive power of alloc
disposition of the income from the business. (p.
pp. 18, 19.) The provision vesting in the genera
the discretion as to when to distribute profits was
function of management, and in view of the
capital requirements of this business and the
which it was operating, a very necessary provis
course, Mr. Toor could not make distribution t
without making proportionate distribution to th
partners, and could not derive any personal ben

ly to all the partners. In this connection we
Trial Court's observation during the trial [R.
this very element indicated that the partner-
not a paper organization.

Government also observes that Mr. Toor was em-
to terminate the partnership by appropriate notice
t the limited partners (Resp. Br. p. 18). How-
Toor could not in any way deprive the trusts of
ership of their proportionate shares of the busi-
of their accrued income; in order to acquire
ests he would have had to pay full book value
[R. 37-38]. Furthermore, the testimony dis-
t the provision had a valid business reason [R.
and in addition, was a perfectly normal pro-
a limited partnership. Of course, if Mr. Toor
nased the interest of the partners, they could
rwise invested these same funds in accordance
trust agreement.

Government contends that the limited partners
exercise their rights as such. The evidence
radicted that the bank did use independent
; that Mr. Toor kept the bank informed of
act of the business, and consulted with the
ers from time to time; that the bank received
l accountings and did consider the same, and felt
that the bank met with Mr. Toor for the pur-

national bank. No instance has ever been suggested what other advice the bank could or should have given any time. It is true that the bank did not feel called upon to assert its rights by legal process, because it was satisfied that the business was properly conducted and that it was receiving everything to which it was entitled.

In the face of this uncontradicted testimony and evidence in this case, the Court made its findings numbered 22 and 23, clearly holding and finding that at no time and no instance did the bank use independent judgment to suggest any action or exercise any of its rights in any way of advice, and that the bank did not exercise any influence or control over the trust *corpus* in the business. The bank did not influence the conduct of the partnership or the disposition of its income. In view of this misapprehension by the Court it is evident that only an improper result has resulted.

The Government urges that there was no trust completed gift because the trusts and the partnership were completed as "one package." We note that the partnership was empowered to invest in securities of the United States and of the states and instrumentalities thereof as well as in businesses in which Mr. Toor participated as a principal, and that they actually did so invest. The mere fact that the trusts and partnership were concluded at the same time would not invalidate the gift or render the same incomplete. In so far as our inquiry is concerned, the same result would have been achieved if the taxpayers had given to the trusts the partial ownership of the business assets.

was effectuated, the gift was complete and the donees became the actual owners of their respective parts and interests. A man may give to his children a part of the real property he owns or part of the stock of a business in which he is principal partner, or he may give them the money with which to purchase such assets; in either event, the children as donees are taxable with the income therefrom. See *Commissioner* (6th Cir. 1937), 90 F. 2d 323; *Commissioner*, (1941), 45 B. T. A. 855.

In the present matter, the Government contends that in any event the Trial Court looked at all the circumstances in connection with the *Culbertson* opinion and found as a matter of fact a lack of intent to form a valid partnership. It is contended that its findings are conclusive. However, as has been demonstrated, this conclusion is based upon findings which have no support in the evidence, and it is upon the part of the Trial Court to consider all the material facts and represent an improper application of the principles of law enunciated in the *Culbertson* opinion. It is respectfully submitted that an inference of partnership contrary to all of the evidentiary facts may not be drawn by the Trial Court at will and without chal-

The opinion of the Court is also respectfully invited to the effect that the Revenue Act of 1951, which contains the relevant portions of the Revenue Act of 1951 recently adopted, and the pertinent sections of the hearings of the Senate Finance Committee which deal specifically with many of the issues

The Argument With Respect to the Date of Ability of the Trusts.

The argument for the Government with respect to the irrevocability of the trusts pointedly ignores the distinction brought out by Appellants between the error in the clerical or typing error of the instant case, and the error presented in *Gaylord v. Commissioner* (9th Cir. 1954, 15 F. 2d 408, where the document was in the form intended by the taxpayer but where he erred in interpreting its legal effect. The Government contents itself with a portion of the argument with simply pointing out that the trust documents, as originally executed, did not contain a provision making them irrevocable; that under the California law they were therefore revocable and that the ruling of the Trial Court that the instruments were to be taken as written, is obviously correct. (Resp. B. 31.)

If the parties had signed the trust document, and intended it to be irrevocable but failed to include an irrevocability clause either because they thought it was not necessary or because they did not think about it at all, they would have a situation similar to that presented in the instant case. However, here the parties had seen, reviewed, and discussed the drafts of the documents containing the irrevocability clause but by the time they came to sign the final draft the irrevocability clause had been inadvertently omitted from the final draft by a typing error; they were signing, believing the document they signed to be a trust instrument, the draft they had seen, including the clause in

dated December 14, 1943 confirming what the intention was, the Trial Court should have accognition to the nature of the error, and readents as if the irrevocability clause had been conrein. This would have followed the dictates of of the Civil Code of California which provides e through mistake or accident a written contract press the real intention of the parties, such in- to be regarded. By properly construing the in- in accordance with Sec. 1640, the Court would been reforming the instruments nor converting into one for reformation.

ial Court in this case was called upon to rule issue just is it was called upon to rule and did (ugh incorrectly) as to whether or not the in- was executed on the date it bore or on some e. The Trial Court erred in stating that for ses it was compelled to take the instrument as nd further erred in avoiding a decision on this he premises that this was not an action for ref-

e, that the *Gaylord* ruling is based, at least in ne rule that parole evidence was inadmissible to plain terms of the instrument therein questioned. in the instant case, the type of error we have imperfection in the writing—has specifically e an exception to the parole evidence rule.

California Code of Civil Procedure, Sec. 1856;
Civil Code, Sec. 1640.

Trust. This is so for the same reason as above—to—the type of error corrected was an imperfect writing, and the original instruments were restored to the condition the parties thought them to be when they signed them.

In the *Gaylord* case, the taxpayer, having signed a document that he intended to sign, was entitled to have it conform to his original intent, but the change should not be given retroactive effect. In our case, the correction of the instruments dated December 14, 1943, is of a different nature; it was not merely to restore an intent supposed to have been conveyed by the instruments, but to restore the words themselves which were omitted by a typing error and to confirm the original intent. The correction of this type of error should be given retroactive effect in accordance with Section 1640 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Finally, with respect to Appellants' contention that the documents were executed on December 14, 1943, rather than on January 13, 1944 as the Trial Court found (finding 14), the Government misconstrues the rule of law applicable to the evidence.

It is not disputed that the only evidence on this point consists of the documents themselves which recite: "WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto do hereunto set their hands this 14th day of December, 1943." [Section 179]. The signatures of the bank officers were dated and witnessed on January 13, 1944. This acknowledgment does not recite that they *executed* the instruments on December 13, 1944, but simply that these officers subscribed

Government asserts that in the absence of any evidence, we must take the date of execution to be the date of acknowledgment. This is directly contrary to the law, and furthermore, the Government misreads the terms of the acknowledgment, for the Government itself states that the acknowledgment recites that the instruments were not signed until January 13, 1944. We have noted that there was no requirement that the instrument dated December 14, 1943 be acknowledged in order to be effective.

It is clear that under the state of the evidence we must take the date the instrument bears, December 14, 1943, as the date on which all the parties executed the instrument. Section 1963 (23) of the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of California provides that it is a presumption that a writing is truly dated. Section 1961 of the Code of Civil Procedure provides: "A presumption declared by law to be conclusive) may be controverted by other evidence, direct or indirect; but unless so controverted the jury are bound to find according to the presumption." Since there was no evidence whatsoever, direct or indirect, to controvert the presumption furnished by the instrument itself and its recital that the parties executed it on December 14, 1943, the Court was compelled to find in accordance therewith. *Crabbe v. Mannel Gold Min. Co.*, 168 Cal. 500, 506, 143 P.2d 716 *In re Roberts Estate*, 49 Cal. App. 2d 71, 120 P.2d 933.

We note further, that the Government has argued that this inadvertent omission of the irrevocability provision from the original trust instruments supports the Court's conclusion as to the lack of intent to form a faith partnership (Resp. Br. pp. 17-18). However, it is undisputed that the actual intent of the parties was to include an irrevocability provision and to make the trust irrevocable. The inadvertent omission could not in any way support a finding as a factual matter of no intent to form a partnership.

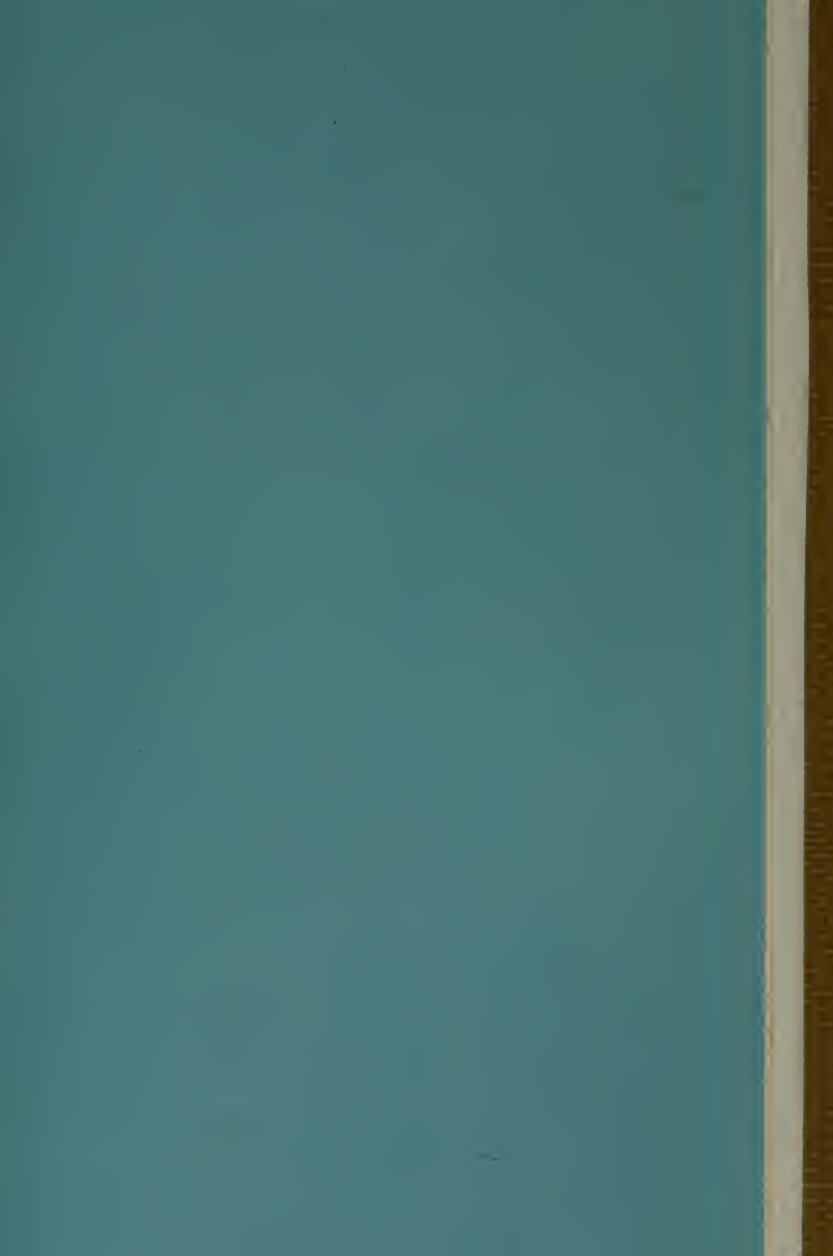
Conclusion.

It is respectfully submitted that the decision of the Trial Court should be reversed.

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Appendix.

Act of 1951, approved October 20, 1951 (21-Public Law 183):

90. Family Partnerships.

Definition of partner.—Section 3797(a)(2) (26 U. S. C. A. Sec. 3797(a)(2)) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: 'A person shall be treated as a partner for income tax purposes if he holds a substantial interest in a partnership in which capital is a material income-producing factor, whether or not such interest was derived by purchase or gift from any other person.'

Allocation of partnership income.—Supplement F to Section 181 (26 U. S. C. A. Sec. 181 *et seq.*) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new

91. Family partnerships.

In the case of any partnership interest created by a transfer of a distributive share of the donee under the partnership agreement shall be includible in his gross income to the extent that such share is determined to be a allowance of reasonable compensation for services rendered to the partnership by the donor, and except to the extent that the portion of such share attributable to the donee's capital is proportionately greater than the portion attributable to the donor's capital. The share of a partner in the earnings of the partnership shall not be diminished because of absence due to illness. For the purpose of this section, an in-

be considered to be donated capital. The "any individual shall include only his spouse, and lineal descendants, and any trust for the profit of such persons."

"(c) Effective date.—The amendments made by this section shall be applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1950. The determination as to whether a person shall be recognized as a partner for income tax purposes for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1951, shall be made as if the amendments had not been enacted and without reference to the fact that this section is not expressly made applicable with respect to taxable years beginning before January 1, 1951. In applying this subsection where the taxable year of any family partner is different from the taxable year of the partnership—

"(1) if a taxable year of the partnership beginning in 1950 ends within or with, as to all of the family partners, taxable years which begin in 1951, then the amendments made by this section shall be applicable with respect to all distributive shares of income derived by the family partners from such taxable year of the partnership beginning in 1950, and

"(2) if a taxable year of the partnership beginning in 1951 ends within or with a taxable year of the family partner which began in 1950, then the amendments made by this section shall not be applicable with respect to the distributive shares of income derived by the family partners from such taxable year of the partnership beginning in 1951.

family partnerships

339 of your committee's bill is intended to harmonize the rules governing interests in the so-called partnership with those generally applicable to other property or business. Two principles governing the distribution of income have long been accepted as basic: (1) income from property is attributable to the owner of the property; (2) income from personal services is attributable to the person rendering the services. There is no reason for applying different principles to partnership interests. A gift of an individual makes a bona fide gift of real property. A share of a share of corporate stock, the rent or dividend from real property is taxable to the donee. Your committee's bill makes it clear that, however the owner of a partnership interest may have acquired such interest, the income is taxable to the owner, if he is the real owner. If the partnership is real, it does not matter what motivated the gift or to him or whether the business benefited from the gift or the presence of the new partner.

Although there is no basis under existing statutes for the present treatment of partnership interests, some decisions in this field have ignored the principle that income from property is to be taxed to the owner of the property. The Supreme Court decisions since the decision of the Supreme Court in *Commissioner v. Culbertson* (337 U. S. 733) holding that a partnership is invalid for tax purposes if it is a family partnership formed by virtue of a gift of a partnership interest to a member of a family to another, where the donee rendered no vital services for the partnership. Some courts apparently proceed upon the theory that a

that a gift of a partnership interest is not complete if the donor contemplates the continued participation in the business of the donated capital. However, the reasoning with which the Tax Court, since the *Culbertson* decision, has held invalid family partnerships based upon a gift of capital, would seem to indicate that, although the opinions often refer to 'intention,' 'business purpose' and 'control,' they have in practical effect reached conclusions which suggest that an intrafamily gift of a partnership interest, where the donee performs no substantial services, will not usually be the basis of a valid partnership for tax purposes. We are informed that the settlement of these cases in the field is being held up by the reliance of the field offices of the Bureau of Internal Revenue upon some such theory. Whether or not the opinion of the Supreme Court in *Commissioner v. Tower* (327 U. S. 281) and the opinion of the Supreme Court in *Commissioner v. Culbertson* (337 U. S. 733), which attempted to distinguish the *Tower* decision, afford any justification for such confusion is not material—the confusion exists.

“The amendment leaves the Commission and the courts free to inquire in any case whether the donee or purchaser actually owns the interest in the partnership. If the transferor purports to have given or sold his interest, a question will arise where the gift or sale is a mere sham. Similar cases will arise where the transferor retains the right to exercise some of the incidents of ownership that he will con-

rt in an analogous trust situation involved in
Helvering v. Clifford (309 U. S. 351). The
ards apply in determining the bona fides of
family partnerships as in determining the bona
other transactions between family members.
ns between persons in a close family group,
not involving partnership interest, afford much
y for deception and should be subject to close
All the facts and circumstances at the time of
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it may be taken into consideration in deter-
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may be of the character incident to the normal
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fiduciary capacity which, when considered in
f all the circumstances, will not indicate any
e ownership in the transferee. In weighing
f a retention of any power upon the bona fides
rted gift or sale, a power exercisable for the
others must be distinguished from a power
he transferor for his own benefit.

dition is now necessary to make clear the

be respected for tax purposes without regard to motives which actuated the transfer, it is considered appropriate at the same time to provide specific safeguards whether or not such safeguards may be inherent in a general rule—against the use of the partnership to accomplish the deflection of income from the donor.

“Therefore, the bill provides that in the case of a partnership interest created by gift the allocation of income, according to the terms of the partnership agreement, shall be controlling for income-tax purposes except when the shares are allocated without pro-rata share of reasonable compensation for services rendered to the partnership by the donor, and except to the extent that the allocation to the donated capital is proportionately greater than that attributable to the donor’s share. In such cases a reasonable allowance will be made for the services rendered by the partners, and the balance of the income will be allocated according to the amount of capital which the several partners have invested. The distributive share of a partner in the earnings of the partnership will not be diminished because of a partner’s absence from military service.

“When more than one member of a family is a partner in a partnership, all interests purchased by one member of the family from another will be treated as if no such transfer were made by gift. For this purpose

Errata in Appellant's Opening Brief.

- 4: The citation for Thomas v. Feldman should be Thomas v. Feldman (5th Cir. 1946), 158 F. 2d 1631. Feldman v. Thomas, 34 A. F. T. R. 1631.
- 5: The first page reference to the transcript on line 3 should read: R. 137-160 instead of 137-161.
- 7: The period in the first sentence of the last paragraph should be changed to a comma so that the paragraph reads:
"The bank was also consulted and its agreement was obtained and obtained for the termination of the partnership distribution of the assets and investment in the corporation which succeeded to the business of the partnership."
- 8: The word appearing as "severly" on the 13th line should be "severely."
- 9: The word "revocable" in the next to the last sentence of the first paragraph should be "irrevocable."